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(54) Interferon-gamma production inducing isolated polypeptide fragment and an isolated DNA  
fragment encoding said polypeptide

(57) An isolated peptide fragment of a human  
polypeptide, said human polypeptide having an amino  
acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein Xaa at amino  
acid residue 73 of SEQ ID NO:1 is isoleucine or threo-  
nine, and inducing IFN- $\lambda$  production by immunocompe-  
tent cells.

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